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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) California Records Highest Single-Day Rise in COVID-19 Cases

(U) New COVID-19 cases in California rose by 9,740 on Tuesday, according to the California Department of Public Health, the highest single-day increase since the start of the pandemic. The United States as a whole saw its biggest one-day spike in new infections on Tuesday with more than 47,000 cases.

California, Texas and Arizona have emerged as new US epicenters of the pandemic. In response of the growing cases, Governor Gavin Newsom ordered the closure of some businesses in nineteen California counties that are seeing an escalation of cases. The counties are on the state's "watch list" and must shutter indoor restaurants, wineries, movie theaters, and other venues.

SOURCE: 2 July 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) New Mexico – Officers at the Santa Teresa Port of Entry Stop Large Drug Load

(U) Santa Teresa – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers working at the Santa Teresa port of entry seized 26.46-pounds of methamphetamine. The seizure was made shortly before noon 30 June when a 2010 Chevrolet Express arrived at the Santa Teresa international cargo facility from Mexico. The vehicle contained a shipment of aluminum containers described as "machinery tools." The primary CBP Officer referred the vehicle for an intensive inspection. An X-ray system revealed anomalies in an aluminum container in the cargo space of the vehicle. A white powdery substance was extracted and tested positive for the properties of methamphetamine. The drugs were seized and the investigation continues.

SOURCE: 2 July 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Missouri – Man Accused of Plotting Attack Told Friends he was 'Ready to go to War'

(U) St. Charles County – A man is facing multiple charges after he reportedly hid bomb materials in multiple locations in O'Fallon and in his St. Peters home. Cameron Swoboda, 25, was reported to police by friends fearing that he was planning a large attack on Black Lives Matter protesters, the military, and possibly the police. An ATF investigation led agents, along with members of the St. Charles County Bomb Squad, to an O'Fallon apartment on 22 June, where they found several bomb-making materials, including gunpowder, Tannerite, petroleum jelly, and acetone.

SOURCE: 1 July 2020, [KMVO](#)

(U) South Carolina – Police Arrest Two People for Placing Explosives at State Capitol

(U) Columbia – On Wednesday, the Bureau of Protective Services, which patrols the South Carolina State House grounds, charged a 19-year-old suspect and a 36-year-old suspect, both of Columbia, with third degree arson and using a destructive device. Police said that the two planted an "incendiary device" at the foot of the statue and ignited it, however the device didn't explode and caused no permanent damage to the monument. Bureau officers found the device Saturday and called the South Carolina Law

Enforcement Division (SLED) agents to help investigate.

SOURCE: 1 July 2020, [The State Newspaper](#)

(U) Wisconsin – Police Announce Arrest in Fire-Bombing of Government Building

(U) Madison – Police said a person of interest was arrested Tuesday night, 30 June in connection with an arson attack on the City County Building. Police said Marquon Clark, 26, was arrested on a probation hold after a traffic stop. While officers were trying to stop Clark's car, police said the driver of a pickup truck, which was following behind Clark's car, intentionally swerved at a marked Madison police squad car. The officer had to take evasive measures. The truck's driver, identified by police as Conner Fleck, 25, of Pardeeville, was arrested for second-degree recklessly endangering safety.

SOURCE: 2 July 2020, [FOX 6](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Ethiopia – Explosion Reported Amid Ongoing Unrest

(U) Addis Ababa – On the afternoon of 2 July, at least one explosion occurred in Addis Ababa, as internal unrest and inter-ethnic clashes continue in the capital and across the Oromia region over the 29 June killing of a popular musician. Evidence suggests the explosion resulted from a grenade detonating in a crowded area; however, reports have not been confirmed. At least eight people have reportedly been killed, and an unknown number injured. The situation remains volatile and additional information is unavailable as internet and mobile data services remain cut in Ethiopia.

SOURCE: 2 July 2020, [BBC](#)

(U) Germany – Officials Disband Special Forces Group Tainted by Far-Right Extremists

(U) Berlin – Germany's Defense Minister announced Wednesday that she would partially disband the most elite and highly trained special forces in the country, saying it had been infiltrated by far-right extremism. The Defense Minister said one of four fighting companies inside the Special Forces had become so infested with far-right extremism that it would be dissolved. The rest of the Special Forces unit, known by its German acronym, KSK, has until the end of October to overhaul its recruitment, training and leadership practices before being allowed to rejoin any international military exercises or missions.

SOURCE: 2 July 2020, [New York Times](#)

(U) Mexico – 24 Dead in Attack on Drug Rehab Center

(U) Irapuato – Gunmen burst into an unregistered drug rehabilitation center in Mexico and opened fire Wednesday, killing 24 people and wounding seven. Police in the north-central state of Guanajuato said the attack occurred Wednesday in the city of Irapuato. Three of the seven wounded were in serious condition. Apparently the attackers shot everyone at the rehab center; state police said nobody was abducted. Guanajuato is the scene of a bloody turf battle between the Jalisco cartel and a local gang, and the state has become the most violent in Mexico. No motive was given in the attack, but Governor Diego Sinhue said drug gangs appear to have been involved.

SOURCE: 2 July 2020, [The Washington Times](#)

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